

Amendments to the Claims:

These new claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

9. (Original) A method of making an improved hemostatic composition comprising the steps of:

preparing a slurry comprising a hemostatic agent selected from the group consisting of ferric sulfate, ferric subsulfate and mixtures thereof; aluminum chloride; aluminum ammonium sulfate; and regenerated oxidized cellulose;

preparing a substantially dry composition by dehydrating said slurry; and,

preparing a paste composition by adding sufficient solvent to said dry composition to reconstitute said dry composition into a paste like consistency.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said slurry further comprises absorbable gelatin.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said solvent is saline solution.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of saline solution, local anesthetic solution, ferric sulfate (sub.) solution, and aluminum chloride solution and mixtures thereof.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said dry composition is a crystalline composition.

14. (Original) A method of making an improved hemostatic composition comprising the steps of:

mixing, in relative ratios: about 3.3 to about 3.9 grams ammonium aluminum sulfate, about 0.07 to about 0.13 grams oxidized regenerated cellulose, about 0.05 to about 0.07 grams absorbable gelatin, about 6 to about 10 cc of 14.5 to 21.5% ferric sulfate (sub) solution; and about 6 to about 10 cc of 20 to 30% aluminum chloride solution to form a slurry;

dehydrating said slurry to form a substantially dry composition; and,
adding sufficient solvent to said dry composition to reconstitute said dry composition into a composition having a paste like consistency.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said solvent is saline solution.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of saline solution, local anesthetic solution, ferric sulfate (sub.) solution, and aluminum chloride solution and mixtures thereof.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said dry composition comprises crystals.